

DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION**COPY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEEP-FRYING A CHIP FOOD PRODUCT; the specification of which was filed on **January 7, 2000** as Application Serial No. **09/479,584** and was amended on .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first inventor: **Dale Stevenson**

Inventor's signature Dale P. Stevenson

Date March 20, 2000

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Citizenship: **U.S.**

Post Office Address: **Same as above**

Full name of second inventor: **Lesley Swartout**

Inventor's signature Lesley Swartout

Date March 20, 2000

Residence: **969 Hawthorne Court, San Marcos, CA 92069**

Citizenship: **U.S.**

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Full name of third inventor: **Joanne Tarhan**

Inventor's signature Joanne Tarhan

Date 4/3/00

Residence: **24192 Bellerive Circle, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677**

Citizenship: **U.S.**

Post Office Address: **Same as above**

Full name of fourth inventor: **Micah Tsern**

Inventor's signature Micah Tsern

Date 3/16/00

Residence: **13415 Verona, Tustin, CA 92782**

Citizenship: **U.S.**

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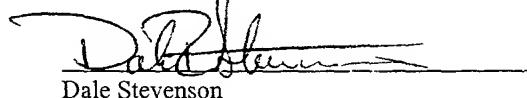
WHEREAS, We, Dale Stevenson, a United States citizen, residing at 4891 Casa Oro, Yorba Linda, CA 92886, Lesley Swartout, a United States citizen, residing at 969 Hawthorne Court, San Marcos, CA 92069, Joanne Tarhan, a United States citizen, residing at 24192 Bellerive Circle, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 and Micah Tsern, a United States citizen, residing at 13415 Verona, Tustin, CA 92782, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEEP-FRYING A CHIP FOOD PRODUCT for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, 09/479,584, January 7, 2000;

AND WHEREAS, Taco Bell Corp. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a California Corporation, with its principal place of business at 17901 Von Karman, Irvine, CA 92614, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 20 day of March, 2000



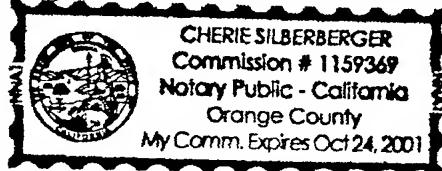
Dale Stevenson

STATE OF CALIFORNIA]
COUNTY OF ORANGE ss.

On March 20, 2000, before me, Cherie Silberberger, personally appeared Dale Stevenson personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

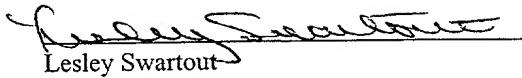
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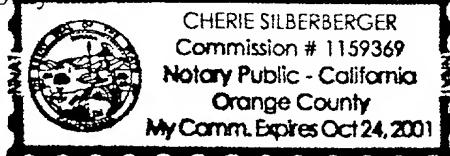
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 20 day of March, 2000.


Lesley Swartout

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On March 20, 2000, before me, Cherie Silberberger, personally appeared Lesley Swartout personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity(ies), and that by her signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal



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Cherie Silberberger
Notary Signature

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 3 day of April, 2000.


Joanne Tarhan

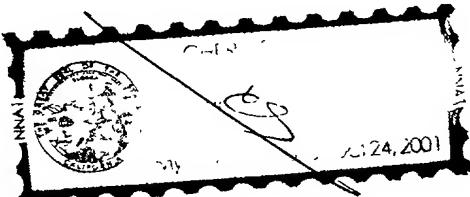
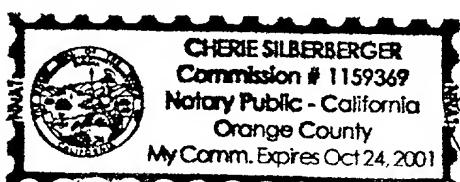
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On April 3, 2000, before me, Cherie Silberberger, personally appeared Joanne Tarhan personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity(ies), and that by her signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

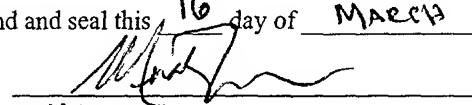
WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Cherie Silberberger
Notary Signature



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 16 day of MARCH, 2000.


Michah Tsern

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____
} ss.

On March 16, 2000, before me, Cherie Silberberger, personally appeared Michah Tsern personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Cherie Silberberger
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